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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 25, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 25, 2006, having been extended for one month so as to expire on August 25, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to reconsider his rejection in light of the following comments and submissions.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 2 of this paper.